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SUBJECT: LOMBOK: FOUR AHMADI FAMILIES RETURN HOME WITHOUT INCIDENT

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[1](#)1. The Ahmadiyah representative in Lombok told Congen April 24 that the head of the Ketapang district office visited the Transito camp on April 14 to request the Ahmadis once again delay their return to their homes in the Gegerungan Village in West Lombok Regency for security reasons. The official also argued that the Ahmadi's return should be delayed until the compensation and relocation plan has been developed with the local government.

[1](#)2. The 17-member Coordination Team, established in February 2009 by the Nusa Tenggara Barat provincial government, have been discussing two options for the Ahmadis: (1) relocate the Ahmadis to Pemenang district of West Lombok, or (2) relocate the Ahmadis to city-owned land. Adhar Hakim, from the NGO Somasi, told us that the local government's plan is to spread the Ahmadis throughout society instead of putting them in one location. However, according to the Ahmadiyah representative, both options are impossible and complicated. The Ahmadis are concerned that spreading out their community in Pemenang district, a multi-religious area, will increase the security threat, while the city-owned land is mostly in disputed areas and located in open green space areas.

[1](#)3. The Ahmadis in Transito camp decided to return to their home village gradually rather than wait for the local government to develop a plan. Their desire to return home is larger than their nervousness about the security situation. So far, four families have returned home. According to the Ahmadis, these four families are now living and working safely within the local community, although they report receiving minor intimidation from local people.

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